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BEGIN SUMMARY: BESIDES TOPICS ALREADY REPORTED BY
SEPTELS, MAY 27-28 POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN BONN

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ALSO CONSIDERED EC RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL/AFRICA AND

EASTERN EUROPE. IN ADDITION, EC-9 FONOFF CULTURAL DIRECTORS HAD INITIAL MEETING AND GROUP OF CORRESPONDENTS HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH EXPANDED VERSIONS OF CRISIS MANAGEMENT PAPER. OTHER REGIONAL WORKING GROUPS ARE DUE TO MEET IN JUNE. END SUMMARY

1. PORTUGAL/AFRICA. AT THE INITIATION OF THE DANES AND DUTCH, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS DISCUSSED WHETHER IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE PC PRESIDENCY TO MAKE A JOINT DEMARCHE WITH LISBON EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE NEW REGIME. DUTCH AND DANES ALSO SPOKE OF APPROACHES TO MODERATE AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS, SUGGESTING THAT AFRICANS USE THEIR INFLUENCE WITH THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA TO FACILITATE MOVEMENT TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS. IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, FOR THE NINE TO RECONCILE THEIR DIFFERENT VIEWS ON THESE ISSUES. ACCORDINGLY, THE AFRICAN EXPERT GROUP HAS BEEN CHARGED TO CONTINUE ITS DISCUSSIONS IN THE COMING WEEKS WITH THE GOAL OF IDENTIFYING POINTS OF COMMON VIEW WHICH COULD BE USED IN INDIVIDUAL EC MEMBER STATE CONTACTS WITH PORTUGAL AS WELL AS WITH GOVERNMENTS IN AFRICA.

2. EAST EUROPE. AS REPORTED IN BONN 8153 (NOTAL), THE WORKING GROUP ON SOVIET/EAST EUROPEAN ATTITUDES TOWARD EUROPEAN INTEGRATION SO FAR HAS NOT GONE MUCH BEYOND THE INITIAL USUAL PROCEDURAL DEBATES AND EXCHANGES OF VIEW ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS. THE GROUP IS STILL WORKING ON AN INITIAL PAPER, IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORIGINAL PC MANDATE. THE FRENCH ATTITUDE TO DATE HAS BEEN THAT THE EXPERT GROUP SHOULD NOT NECESSARILY DEVELOP INTO A PERMANENT WORKING GROUP. AT THE MAY 27-28 MEETING, THE PC TOOK NOTE OF THE WORK OF THE SOVIET/EAST EUROPE GROUP AND INSTRUCTED THE EXPERTS TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR MANDATE.

3. CULTURAL RELATIONS. AS WE HAD EARLIER BEEN INFORMED BY VAN WELL, AND BY FONOFF CULTURAL DIVISION OFFICIAL SCHLAGINTWEIT (BONN 6955), THE EC-9 FONOFF DIRECTORS
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FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS HELD AN INITIAL MEETING IN BONN MAY 27. FONOFF DIRECTOR FOR EC POL INTEGRATION TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE CULTURAL DIRECTORS HAD A FAR RANGING DISCUSSION AND, DESPITE THE USUAL FRENCH RESERVATIONS CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW WORKING GROUPS, DETERMINED THAT THE MEETING WAS A GOOD ONE AND THAT FUTURE MEETINGS ALSO SHOULD BE HELD. OUR SOURCE NOTED THAT THE CULTURAL DIRECTORS, WHO USUALLY ARE OF SIMILAR

RANK AS THE FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTORS, ARE MEETING
PARALLEL RATHER THAN SUBORDINATE TO THE EC POLITICAL
COMMITTEE.

4. FOCUS OF MAY 27 DISCUSSION WAS POSSIBLE FIELDS FOR
CONCRETE COOPERATION AMONG THE NINE IN FOREIGN CULTURAL
RELATIONS. THERE WAS CONSENSUS THAT THE NINE COULD
COORDINATE POSITIONS IN UNESCO, AND DURING UNGA
SESSIONS. THE CULTURAL ATTACHES AT THE NINE EMBASSIES
AND CAPITALS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ALSO ARE BEING
ENCOURAGED, VIA COMMON EC INSTRUCTIONS, TO EXCHANGE
INFORMATION AND COOPERATE WITH ONE ANOTHER. OUR SOURCE

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EMPHASIZED THAT THIS FIRST SESSION OF CULTURAL DIRECTORS WAS A KIND OF TRIAL MEETING AND THAT, DESPITE THE FRENCH HESITATION, THERE SEEMED TO BE GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT IT WAS A SUCCESS.

5. CRISIS MANAGEMENT. EC POL INTEGRATION CHIEF TELLS
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US HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN MEETINGS OF THE GROUP OF CORRESPONDENTS DESIGNED TO ENRICH THE MARCH 4 PAPER ON CRISIS MANAGEMENT. OUR SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE NINE MINISTERS HAD APPROVED THE CRISIS MANAGEMENT PAPER ON MARCH 4 BUT HAD CALLED FOR ITS EXPANSION (SEE BONN 2318 FOR CONTENTS). AFTER THE MINISTERIAL, VAN WELL HAD INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE FRG INTENDED TO PUSH FOR CLOSER COORDINATION BETWEEN THE EC-9 AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON, INTER ALIA, TO ASSURE THAT ONE OF THE NINE AMBASSADORS WAS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR COORDINATION WITH THE USG IN CRISIS PERIODS (BONN 3614 - PARA 2). OUR SOURCE SAID THE GROUP OF CORRESPONDENTS ARE NOW SEEKING TO CRYSTALLIZE THE POINT THAT, IN TIMES OF EMERGENCIES OR CRISES, EFFORTS TO COORDINATE POLICY SHOULD PROCEED IN PARALLEL TO AND WITH CLOSE CONTACTS BETWEEN NATO AND THE EC-9. OUR SOURCE EMPHASIZED THAT SUCH CRISIS MANAGEMENT EFFORTS "SHOULD BE IN PARALLEL AND "SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE CONSECUTIVE" --I.E., SHOULD NOT START WITH EC-9 AND PROCEED ONLY THEREAFTER WITH NATO. OUR SOURCE SAID SUCH A PARALLEL PROCESS WOULD CORRESPOND TO THE GERMAN VITAL INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENT OF A EUROPEAN FOREIGN POLICY WHILE AT ONCE RELYING FUNDAMENTALLY ON ATLANTIC/POLITICAL COOPERATION IN NATO.

6. OTHER WORKING GROUPS. IN THE MONTH OF JUNE, THE GERMAN PRESIDENCY PLANS TO HAVE MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUPS ON THE MIDEAST, AFRICA, ASIA, SOVIET/EASTERN EUROPE, LATIN AMERICA AND, OF COURSE, CSCE. IT REMAINS UNCLEAR WHETHER ANOTHER MEETING OF THE ARMS CONTROL/MBFR GROUP WILL OCCUR IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.
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